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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2, 5-11, and 13-29 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, and 16-18 are amended, claims 3-4 and 12 are canceled.

Claims 18-29 are allowed. Claim 18 is amended to correct typographical errors.

Claims 1-3, 5 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kao (US 4,815,109). Claims 4, 6-10 and 12-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claims 1 and 11 are amended to include the allowable limitations of dependent claims 4 and 12, respectively. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are now allowable over the cited references and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 7, 10, and 13-17 are amended to change their dependency to the allowable claims 1 and 11, respectively. Thus, allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition

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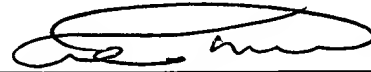
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for allowance, and accordingly, reconsideration and allowance
are respectfully requested.

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